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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAULISTA et al.

Serial No. 09/297,092

Filed: May 18, 1999

For: COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR
BONE-INDUCING ACTIVITY

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Kaushal, S.

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 7, 2002

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated September 7, 2001 finally rejecting claims 17-29.

The \$160.00 (Small Entity) Appeal Fee is attached.

The shortened statutory period expiring on December 7, 2001, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for three months to March 7, 2002.

Enclosed please find a check including the amount of Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$460.00) to cover the cost of the extension.

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Respectfully submitted,

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